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TO AMEMBASSY COTONOU

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SUBJECT: INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL PROJECT

REF: COTONOU 1126

1. DESKOFF CONTACTED BOTH ROSS OF IHC NEW YORK AND DAHOMEY EMBASSY TO ASCERTAIN CURRENT STATUS OF IHC PROJECT FROM WASHINGTON END.

2. ROSS AND DAHOMEY EMBASSY BOTH AGREED IHC CANNOT PROCEED FURTHER IN ABSENCE MRGD REPLY TO IHC PROPOSAL CONTAINED IN MARCH 19 LETTER SENT FROM ROSS TO AMBASSADOR ADJIBADE. LETTER INDICATED CONTINUING IHC INTEREST PROVIDED MRGD AGREED TO LESS ELABORATE HOTEL AND IHC PROPOSALS ON MANAGEMENT FEES.

3. HARRIS, KERR, AND FORSTER REPORT, ACCORDING TO ROSS, REPRESENTED ONLY "ONE-EIGHTH OF TOTAL FEASIBILITY STUDY." COPY OF THIS REPORT WAS ENCLOSED WITH MARCH 19 LETTER. DAHOMEY EMBASSY FORWARDED COPY OF REPORT TO MRGD IN MARCH,
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BUT ALSO SENT SECOND COPY BY AIR MAIL TO FOREIGN MINISTRY

COTONOU ON AUGUST 1. IHC FEELS IT CANNOT PROCEED WITH
REST OF FEASIBILITY STUDY UNTIL IT RECEIVES MRGD ANSWER TO
ITS PROPOSAL CITED PARA 2 ABOVE.

4. ROSS ASSURED DESKOFF IHC WILL PROCEED ONCE MRGD
DECISION KNOWN. HE HAD NOT RECEIVED MINISTER KOFFI
LETTER OF JULY 24, MENTIONED REFTTEL, BY MORNING OF AUGUST

3. ROGERS

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